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- 1. ALL PAPERS NOVEMBER 14 FRONT PAGE DEPARTURE OF SHEIKH AL-AZHAR, DR. ABDUL HALIM MAHUM, FOR U.S. VIA PARIS. ACCORDING PRESS, SHEIKH WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN FRENCH CAPITAL DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK NOVEMBER 15. HE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND THREE WEEKS IN AMERICA, INCLUDING STOP IN LOS ANGELES.
- 2. IN FRANCE, DR. MAHMUD WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ISLAMIC COMMUNITY, MUSLIM AMBASSADORS, AND FRENCH PROFESSORS OF ISLAMIC STUDIES. PAPERS NOTE SHEIKH'S GOAL IN THE U.S. IS TO FOSTER BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND THIS WILL BE KEYNOTE OF LECTURES HE WILL GIVE IN VARIOUS ISLAMIC CENTERS AROUND COUNTRY.
- 3. WITH REGARD CUSTOMS COURTESIES (REFTEL), WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN FLIGHT DATA. SUGGEST DEPT. CONTACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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